## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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METHOD OF PREPARING A STANDARD DIAGNOSTIC For:

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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time of three months, extending the time for response to the Office Action dated February 13, 2001, from May 13, 2001, to on or before August 13, 2001.

A check for the statutory fee, in the amount of  $5445.00,\frac{1}{}$  is attached.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 necessary to keep this application pending in the Patent and Trademark Office or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Applicants are entitled to small entity status as evidenced by the Small Entity Status Declaration filed March 29, 2000.

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